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Mail Stop Amendment
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For : TOOL EXCHANGE DEVICE AND TOOL

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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 Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
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 401 Dulany Street
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

 Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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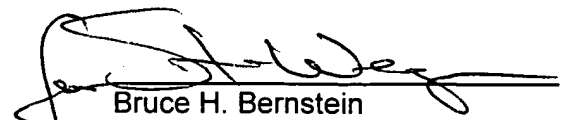
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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims and Abstract as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Preliminary Amendment.